

House Bill 1311

By: Representative Scott of the 153rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Division of Rehabilitation Services, so as to eliminate financial need as a consideration in the provision of vocational rehabilitation services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Division of Rehabilitation Services, is amended by revising Code Section 34-15-10, relating to residency requirement and financial need, as follows:

"34-15-10.

(a) Vocational rehabilitation services shall be provided to any qualified individual who is a bona fide resident of ~~the~~ this state.

(b) The financial need of eligible persons with disabilities ~~will~~ shall not be considered in the provision of vocational rehabilitation services ~~to the extent allowed by federal or other state law pursuant to this chapter.~~

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 34-15-14, relating to coverage by a hospitalization or medical insurance policy, as follows:

"34-15-14.

Where a person with disabilities who receives vocational rehabilitation services is covered by a hospitalization or medical insurance policy, the Division of Rehabilitation Services shall be subrogated to the rights of such person with disabilities to recover in an amount not to exceed the cost of vocational rehabilitation services rendered by the Division of Rehabilitation Services, ~~exclusive of those services for which eligibility is not predicated on the need for financial assistance.~~ Where the person with disabilities receives vocational

26 rehabilitation services without disclosing that he or she is covered by a hospitalization or
27 medical insurance policy, he or she shall be liable therefor to the Division of Rehabilitation
28 Services in an amount not to exceed the cost of rehabilitation services rendered, ~~exclusive~~
29 ~~of those services for which eligibility is not predicated on the need for financial assistance,~~
30 or in an amount not to exceed the insurance reimbursement received, whichever is the
31 lesser."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.